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New push on U.S.-run free electronic tax-filing system for all

By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's that time of year when throngs of taxpayers are buckling down to file their income tax returns before Tuesday's filing deadline. Many often pay to use software from private companies such as Intuit and H&R Block. Almost one-quarter of Americans wait until the last minute to file their taxes. There could be a new, free option in future years. The IRS has been tasked with looking into how to create a government-operated electronic free-file tax return system for all. But that doesn't sit well with the big tax-prep companies. The idea has been battled around and hotly debated for a long time. Congress now has directed the IRS to report in on how such a system might work. The order came as part of the \$80 billion infusion of money for the tax agency over the next 10 years under the Democrats' flagship climate and health care measure, known as the Inflation Reduction Act, that President Joe Biden signed last summer. It gave the IRS nine months and \$15 million to report in on how it might implement such a program and how much it would cost.

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Inmate stuck on U.S. death row despite vacated death sentence

By **MICHAEL TARM**
AP Legal Affairs Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — When the U.S. prisons director visited the penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana, this past week, she stopped by the federal death row where Bruce Webster is in a solitary, 12-by-7 foot cell, 23 hours a day.

Webster's not supposed to be there. A federal judge in Indiana ruled in 2019 that the 49-year-old has an IQ

in the range of severe intellectual disability and so cannot be put to death. But four years on, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Prisons haven't moved him to a less restrictive unit or different prison.

Why? His own lawyer, who secured a rare legal win in persuading a court to vacate Webster's 1996 death sentence in the kidnapping, rape and killing of a

16-year-old Texas girl, says she's baffled.

"How can I not get this guy off death row?," an exasperated Monica Foster said in a recent interview. "Well, I did get him off death row. But why can't I physically get him off death row?" Asked about Webster's continued placement on death row, a Justice Department official said only that "the Bureau of Prisons is considering Mr. Web-



A sign is displayed at the federal prison complex in Terre Haute, Ind., on Aug. 28, 2020.

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ster's designation determination." Webster's case illustrates chronic bureaucracy in the prisons system and the difficulties in getting anyone off death row. There's sometimes additional reluctance to act in death row cases given the nature of inmates' crimes. In Webster's case, he and three accomplices kidnapped a sister of a rival drug trafficker in 1994, kicking their way into an Arlington, Texas, apartment as Lisa Rene frantically dialed 911. They raped her over two days, then stripped her, bludgeoned her with a shovel and buried her alive. Bureau of Prisons Director Colette Peters has said she's committed to reforms. Her visit to Terre Haute was part of regular inspections of U.S. prisons. It came months after a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana seeking to end the solitary confinement of federal death row inmates, saying that practice results in severe psychological damage. Several death row inmates told The Associated Press by email that Peters came through their unit on Tuesday and spoke to some prisoners. It's not known whether she saw Webster or discussed his case. The Biden administration should see moving Web-

ster as an uncontroversial if modest step toward fulfilling President Joe Biden's campaign pledge to stop federal executions for good, Foster argued. "This case is a no brainer," the Indianapolis-based federal defender said. "There is zero political liability for doing the right thing here and moving him off death row." Webster, who wants to be transferred to a prison near his hometown of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, must be resentenced. It's supposed to be a formality because life in prison is the only available sentence. When his lawyers and the Justice Department asked in joint 2021 motion for U.S. judge in Texas where Webster was tried in 1996 to resentence him, the judge refused, saying he lacked jurisdiction. Judge Terry Means also chided his Indiana counterpart, Judge William Lawrence, for tossing Webster's death sentence, saying Lawrence had "brushed aside" jurors' finding, including that most rejected Webster's intellectual disability claims. "That judgment is final," the government said about Means' ruling, adding that it is the department's position "that Mr. Webster is not currently subject to a valid death sentence."

New push on U.S.-run free electronic tax-filing system for all

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Next month, the IRS will release the first in a series of reports looking into how it might be done.

The possibility of an electronic free-file system operated by Washington is being celebrated by some taxpayer advocates who for years have said that would reflect good governance and well serve taxpayers. Critics voice skepticism about the IRS taking on the dual roles of both tax collector and tax preparer, arguing that the new service could create a power imbalance between taxpayers and the government.

Robert Marvin, an IRS spokesperson, said in an email that a key goal of the study is to "look for ways to make filing taxes as easy as possible."

"It's important that Americans have choices that work best for them when preparing their taxes, whether it's by using a tax professional, tax software or free options," he said.

But big tax preparation companies have millions of dollars to lose if the program comes to fruition. Last year, more than 60 million taxpayers were serviced between Intuit, the parent company of TurboTax, and



A sign is displayed outside the Internal Revenue Service building on May 4, 2021, in Washington. Associated Press

H&R Block.

Tens of millions of dollars have been spent trying to influence policymakers on the issue, and lobbying data shows that the big tax companies in particular have spent heavily.

An analysis shows that Intuit, H&R Block, and other private companies and advocacy groups for large tax preparation businesses, as well as proponents in favor of electronic free file, have reported spending \$39.3 million since 2006 to lobby on "free-file" and other matters. Federal law doesn't require domestic

lobbyists to itemize expenses by specific issue, so the sums are not limited to free-file.

Intuit has spent \$25.6 million since 2006 on lobbying, H&R Block about \$9.6 million and the conservative Americans for Tax Reform roughly \$3 million.

Derrick Plummer, a spokesman for Intuit, said taxpayers can already file their taxes for free and there are online free-file programs available to some people. Individuals of all income levels can submit their returns for free via the mail.

A "direct-to-IRS e-file system

is a solution in search of a problem, and that solution will unnecessarily cost taxpayers billions of dollars," he said. "We will continue unapologetically advocating for American taxpayers and against a direct-to-IRS e-file system because it's a bad idea."

Starting in 2006, an agreement between the IRS and some commercial tax preparation companies, known as the Free File Alliance, prevented the IRS from creating its own free tax return filing system. In exchange, tax preparation companies agreed to provide free ser-

vices to taxpayers making \$73,000 or less.

The provision that barred the IRS from exploring a free-file system expired in 2019, but the Free File Alliance agreement to provide free services for low-income taxpayers remains in effect.

Ariel Jurow-Kleiman, a tax law professor at Loyola Law School, and the New America think tank have been selected by the IRS to conduct the congressionally mandated study for the agency. Jurow-Kleiman said their mandate is "evaluating the feasibility, approach, schedule, cost, organizational design, and IRS capacity to deliver a possible direct e-file system."

But she has faced pushback from Republicans who say she does not fit the law's requirement that an independent third party assess what it would take to deliver a direct file program.

Rep. Jason Smith, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, sent a letter to the IRS in March questioning Jurow-Kleiman's ability to be an independent reviewer, saying her work indicates "a clear preference for an expansive government-run system." □

Trump raised \$34M so far in 2023, including indictment bump

By MICHELLE L. PRICE and JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Donald Trump has raised more than \$34 million for his 2024 White House run since the start of the year, buoyed by a big bump in donations since the announcement of criminal charges against him in New York, according to his campaign. His total after the March 30 indictment approached what he took in over the previous three months.

Trump's latest fundraising report due to be filed Saturday with the Federal Elec-

tion Commission will show he raised more than \$18.8 million between his main campaign account and a joint fundraising account over the first three months of the year, the campaign said.

Of that total for the Jan. 1-March 31 period, \$4 million came in after Trump was indicted March 30 by a grand jury in Manhattan on charges related to a hush money case stemming from the 2016 election.

Trump began raising money off the news of his indictment, and his campaign said he took in \$15.4 million since the announcement

of charges and Saturday's filing deadline for the fundraising report.

Trump, who is also facing several other criminal investigations, has tried to use his legal troubles to galvanize supporters, claiming all the cases are politically motivated. He has portrayed the New York charges as "election interference" but also suggested they may help him win support.

Trump has dominated the GOP field in the early stages of the 2024 presidential race. But many high-dollar GOP donors have been looking to send their support elsewhere this time.



Former President Donald Trump speaks at the National Rifle Association Convention in Indianapolis, Friday, April 14, 2023.

Associated Press

Until his indictment, his campaign fundraising had lagged behind the massive amounts he used to raise in days or in hours when he was president. Only a few candidates have officially entered the race, Trump's

U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley, a former South Carolina governor; former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, who announced days after Trump's indictment was filed; and tech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy. □

Shooting at Alabama birthday party kills 4; 'multitude' hurt

By **JEFF AMY and KIM CHANDLER**
Associated Press
DADEVILLE, Ala. (AP) —

A high school senior who had signed to play college football was celebrating at his sister's 16th birthday party Saturday night in Alabama when gunfire killed him and three other people and wounded several others.

Police were gathering evidence Sunday at a dance studio where the party was held in downtown Dadeville.

They did not immediately say if a suspect was in custody, or if they knew more about any motivation.

Philstavius "Phil" Dowdell, a Dadeville High School senior who had signed with Jacksonville State University, was celebrating at his sister Alexis' party before he was shot to death, his grandmother Annette Allen told The Montgomery Advertiser.

"He was a very, very humble child. Never messed with anybody. Always had a smile on his face," Allen told the newspaper, calling it "a million-dollar smile."

Dowdell's mother was among those hurt in the shooting.

"Everybody's grieving," Allen said.

Sgt. Jeremy Burkett of the Alabama Law Enforcement



Investigators work at the site of a fatal shooting in downtown Dadeville, Ala., on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Associated Press

Agency said the shooting occurred at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

"There were four lives tragically lost in this incident and there's been a multitude of injuries," Burkett said during a news conference Sunday.

The shootings rocked the city of 3,200 residents, which is about 57 miles (92 kilometers) northeast of Montgomery, Alabama.

Dadeville Police Chief Jonathan L. Floyd paused to regain his composure before speaking at the news conference.

"What we've dealt with is

something that no community should have to endure. I just ask for your patience. It's going to be a long process, but I do earnestly solicit your prayers," Floyd said.

More than 12 hours after the shooting, investigators continued filing in and out of the Mahogany Masterpiece dance studio, denoted by a banner hanging on the outside of a one-story brick building in Dadeville's compact downtown. City and county officials milled about the Tallapoosa County Courthouse less than a block away, where

officials lowered the American and Alabama flags to half staff.

Pastor Ben Hayes, who serves as chaplain for the Dadeville Police Department and for the local high school football team, said most of the victims are teenagers. Dowdell was within weeks of graduation and faced a bright future, Hayes told The Associated Press.

"He was a strong competitor on the field," Hayes said. "You didn't want to try to tackle him or get tackled by him. But when he came off the field, he was one

of the nicest young men that you could ever meet, very respectful and well-respected by his peers."

Hayes said worried families swarmed the local hospital Saturday night trying to find the condition of their children. He said serious crime is rare in Dadeville, and the small city is "sad, traumatized, in-shock."

Jacksonville State football coach Rich Rodriguez said in a statement Sunday: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Philstavius Dowdell and the other victims of the senseless tragedy last night. He was a great young man with a bright future. My staff and I are heartbroken and hope that everyone will support his family through this difficult time."

Dowdell also recently won medals at a high school track meet at Troy University.

Counseling will be available for students at Tallapoosa County schools Monday, the school superintendent, Raymond C. Porter, said.

"This morning, I grieve with the people of Dadeville and my fellow Alabamians. Violent crime has NO place in our state, and we are staying closely updated by law enforcement as details emerge," Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said in a statement posted on social media. □



A person stands on the shore while looking at the Walla Walla passenger ferry after it ran aground near Bainbridge Island west of Seattle on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Associated Press

By **PETER ORSI**
Associated Press
SEATTLE (AP) —

A passenger ferry carrying hundreds of people ran aground near Bainbridge Island west

of Seattle on Saturday but there were no reports of injuries or contamination, authorities said.

The Walla Walla ran aground in Rich Passage

Ferry runs aground near Seattle; no injuries reported

around 4:30 p.m. as it was traveling from the city of Bremerton to Seattle, according to Washington State Ferries, a division of the state Department of Transportation.

Passenger Haley Socha told The Seattle Times that the ferry's lights went out about 20 minutes into the voyage and the engines stopped. The lights came back on after a minute and there was an alarm and an announcement saying the vessel had no propulsion and warning people to brace for impact.

People helped one another as they donned life vests,

Socha said.

"Everybody's been really nice and good to each other," Socha told the Times.

There were 596 passengers and 15 crew members aboard, according to ferries spokesperson Diane Rhodes. A tug boat and the Coast Guard were on the scene.

"Vessel engineers believe tide will be at the right height to safely tow the boat at midnight. We apologize to passengers. Their safety is our first priority," Washington State Ferries said via Twitter.

Passengers were initially

kept onboard. One passenger suffered a medical emergency unrelated to the grounding and necessitated an evacuation, the agency said.

Around 8 p.m., Kitsap Transit began taking others off the boat, ferry officials said. The transit agency deployed two passenger-only vessels, the Commander and the Waterman, with respective capacities of 250 and 150 passengers, requiring multiple trips to the Walla Walla. Around 8:30, Kitsap Transit reported the Commander had delivered the first load of people to the slip at Bremerton. □

Lack of security for Japanese prime minister surprised many

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

WAKAYAMA, Japan (AP) —

The fishermen who tackled the man suspected of the second attack on a Japanese politician in less than a year said Sunday that they were surprised by the lack of security for Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Fisherman Tsutomu Konishi was watching Kishida at a campaign event at this fishing port when an object flew overhead and landed near the prime minister, Konishi said. A security officer covered the object with a bulletproof briefcase, said Konishi, 41. The fishermen swarmed the attacker.

"I never thought a crime like this would happen in my hometown, which is a rather small fishing area," Konishi, 41, said Sunday as he sipped a can of coffee at the port of Saikazaki. "I'm still shocked and stunned." The prime minister was unhurt but like many others in Japan Konishi was mulling Sunday what the country should do to better protect public figures.

"At a time when Japan's serving prime minister was visiting, perhaps we may have needed a metal detector," Konishi said.

Masaki Nishide, a 55-year-old fisherman from Saikazaki, said most of the people

at Saturday's event were residents and supporters of the local candidate. He said the young man carrying the silver-gray backpack stood out.

"People here all dress like me, and nobody carries a backpack; it was only him," Nishide said, wearing a sweatsuit and red rubber boots. "If I were in charge of security, I would have asked for a bag check."

After the failed attack on the prime minister, one of the fishermen grabbed the suspect's neck from behind, another pushed his head down, and Konishi latched onto his leg. They were holding the man as police officers pulled him to the ground.

The chaotic scene was reminiscent of the assassination nine months ago of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, which also came during a campaign tour. Police tightened their protective measures after an investigation found holes in Abe's security. Abe was killed with a homemade gun during a campaign speech. Suspect Tetsuya Yamagami has been charged with murder and several other crimes, including violating gun-control laws.

Yamagami told investigators that he killed Abe, one of Japan's most influential and divisive politicians, be-



A man believed to be a suspect, center on the ground, is caught by police after he allegedly threw "the suspicious object," as Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited Saikazaki port for an election campaign event in Wakayama, western Japan Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Associated Press

cause of the former prime minister's apparent links to a religious group that Yamagami hated. In statements and in social media postings attributed to him, Yamagami said his mother had made donations to the Unification Church that bankrupted his family and ruined his life.

Violent crimes are rare in Japan, and with its strict gun control laws, the country has only a handful of gun-related crimes annually. Most of the cases are gang-related, though in recent years there has been growing concern about home-made guns and explosives. There also have been some high-profile cases of random knifing on subways and arson at-

tacks.

Groups of several officers have guarded serving prime ministers. Fewer officers have been watching Cabinet ministers and former leaders.

Compared with the U.S. elections, audience at political campaigns in Japan are often allowed to be quite close to dignitaries. At the campaign event for Kishida the front-row audience was within touching distance.

Only one person, a police official, was hurt, his arm cut by fragments of the device, which didn't fully explode. Police arrested 24-year-old Ryuji Nakamura on suspicion of throwing an explosive in a metal tube at Kishida. □

Iran: Jail terms for those behind downing of Ukraine flight



Debris are seen at the scene where a Ukrainian plane crashed in Shahedshahr southwest of the capital Tehran, Iran, Jan. 8, 2020.

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — An Iranian court has sentenced an air defense commander allegedly responsible for the deadly downing of a pas-

senger plane amid Iran-U.S. tensions several years ago, a state news agency reported Sunday.

Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard mistakenly

shot down the Ukraine International Airlines flight in January 2020. The missile strike killed all 176 people on board and came as Tehran and Washington teetered on the brink of war.

The Guards commander who officials purport ordered the strike was sentenced to 13 years in prison, the official judiciary news outlet said.

Mizan said the commander did not follow protocols in the moments leading up to the shooting down of the plane. The commander was ordered to pay fines to families of victims, the report added.

Mizan said the court also

sentenced two personnel allegedly involved in running the surface-to-air missile system Tor M-1 to one year in prison each.

After a lengthy series of hearings, the court sentenced at least seven other personnel and air defense officers to up to three years in prison. According to Mizan, the verdicts are appealable within 20 days.

The report did not identify any of the defendants by name or further details.

The judiciary news agency also said Iran's government plans to pay \$150,000 for each victim to their families. It did not elaborate on how this money will be delivered to the families. □

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Gunmen attack Indonesian troops deployed to rescue NZ pilot

By **ALFIAN KARTONO** and **NINIEK KARMINI**
Associated Press

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP)

— Separatist gunmen attacked Indonesian army troops who were deployed to rescue a New Zealand pilot taken hostage by the rebels in Indonesia's restive Papua province, leaving at least six dead and about 30 missing, officials said Sunday.

Initial information from army reports said there were about 36 soldiers at a post in the hilly district of Nduga, when attackers from the West Papua Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Free Papua Movement, opened fire on Saturday.

At least six died and 21 others fled into the jungle, according to the military reports seen by journalists. A military spokesman confirmed only one dead. Nine soldiers were reportedly being held by the rebels.

Papua military spokesperson Col. Herman Taryaman said the soldiers were part of a group that was searching for Phillip Mark Mehrtens, a New Zealand pilot for the Indonesian aviation company Susi Air who was abducted by the rebels in February.

He said authorities were searching for about 30 soldiers.

"It's still unknown exactly



Indonesian military spokesman Rear Admiral Julius Widjojono speaks during a press conference at Indonesia military headquarter in Jakarta, Indonesia, Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Associated Press

how many Indonesian army troops died and were injured," Taryaman said. "We are still searching, but heavy rain, foggy weather and a lack of communication have hampered our search and evacuation efforts."

First Adm. Julius Widjojono, the spokesperson for the Indonesian National Armed Forces, or TNI, told a news conference in the capital, Jakarta, that the search operation will be carried out "with maximum force." He said the rebels confronted troops when they tried to comb an area close to

the position of the pilot and his abductors. The rebels shot a soldier who fell into a 15-meter (49-foot) deep ravine, and launched a second attack while troops were getting his body out, Widjojono said. He confirmed only one fatality so far.

Rebel spokesperson Sebby Sambom said in a statement that the group's fighters carried out the attack in revenge for the killing of two rebels in a shootout with Indonesian security forces last month. He said at least nine members of Indonesia's elite army force

were killed in Saturday's attack.

Sambom urged Indonesia's government to stop its military operations in Papua. He also said his group had offered to negotiate with both the Indonesian and New Zealand governments for the pilot they took hostage, but said they had not received a response.

"Indonesia's government must stop its security operation in Papua and be willing to negotiate with our leaders under the mediation of a neutral third party from a United Nations agency," Sambom said.

Widjojono said the military operations in Papua were launched with a view to avoid a large number of casualties.

"TNI has never stepped back even once in maintaining our territorial sovereignty," Widjojono said. "And this is being implemented consistently in Papua."

The rebels in February stormed a single-engine plane shortly after it landed on a small runway in Paro in remote Nduga district and abducted its pilot. The plane initially was scheduled to pick up 15 construction workers who had been building a health center after separatist rebels threatened to kill them.

Saturday's fighting is the latest in a series of violent incidents in recent years in Papua, a former Dutch colony in the western part of New Guinea that is ethnically and culturally distinct from much of Indonesia. Conflicts between indigenous Papuans and Indonesian security forces are common.

Papua was incorporated into Indonesia in 1969, after a U.N.-sponsored ballot that was widely seen as a sham. Since then, a low-level insurgency has simmered in the region, which is divided into two provinces, Papua and West Papua. □



The turbine hall of the nuclear power plant Olkiluoto 3 'OL3' is pictured under construction in Eurajoki, south-western Finland, March 23, 2011.

Associated Press

By **JARI TANNER**
Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Finland's much-delayed and costly new nuclear reactor, Europe's most powerful by production capacity, has

completed a test phase lasting more than a year and started regular output, boosting the Nordic country's electricity self-sufficiency significantly.

The Olkiluoto 3 reactor,

Europe's most powerful nuclear reactor kicks off in Finland

which has 1,600-megawatt capacity, was connected into the Finnish national power grid in March 2022 and kicked off regular production on Sunday. Operator Teollisuuden Voima, or TVO, tweeted that "Olkiluoto 3 is now ready" after a delay of 14 years from the original plan.

It will help Finland to achieve its carbon neutrality targets and increase energy security at a time when European countries have cut oil, gas and other power supplies from Russia, Finland's neighbor.

"The production of Olkiluoto 3 stabilizes the price

of electricity and plays an important role in the Finnish green transition," TVO President and CEO Jarmo Tanhua said in a statement. The company added that "the electricity production volume of Europe's largest nuclear power plant unit is a significant addition to clean, domestic production."

Construction of Olkiluoto 3 began in 2005 and was due to be completed four years later. However, the project was plagued by several technological problems that led to lawsuits. The last time a new nuclear reactor was commissioned in

Finland was more than four decades ago.

The Olkiluoto 3 is Western Europe's first new reactor in more than 15 years. It is the first new-generation EPR, or European Pressurized Reactor, plant to have gone online in Europe. It was developed in a joint venture between France's Areva and Germany's Siemens.

Primarily because of safety concerns, nuclear power remains a controversial issue in Europe. The launch of the Finnish reactor coincides with Germany's move to shut down its last remaining three nuclear plants on Saturday. □



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Cruise ship heading towards Aruba rescues 24 castaways

(Oranjestad)—On Wednesday, April 12th, the cruise ship *Carnival Spirit* was on its way to Aruba where crew members spotted 24 castaways in the distance. According to local news outlet, *NoticiaCla*, these castaways were immediately rescued by crew members of the ship and brought on board.

NoticiaCla also reports that the ship was close to the coasts of The Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico when officials on the cruise ship noticed 24 people stranded in the ocean.

These officials say that they immediately contacted the National Coast Guard of Puerto Rico in order to dock at the island and transfer the castaways on their route towards Aruba.

The cruise ship *Carnival Spirit* set sail on Saturday, April 8th, from a port in Miami and had no stops



planned for Tuesday. After the incident, the ship arrived in Aruba Wednesday morning according

to schedule and set sailed again around 10pm that same day. □

Mrs. Francisca Maduro-Paesch turns 100 years old!



(Oranjestad)—On April 2nd, Mrs. Francisca Maduro-Paesch, better known as Mamato, celebrated her 100th birthday with friends, neighbors and family in San Nicolas. This celebration started with a beautiful Eucharist to thank God for the blessing of reaching 100 years of life.

Mrs. Francisca Paesch was born in Aruba on April 2nd, 1923. She had 7 other siblings; three brothers and four sisters, all of whom have already passed. Mamato married on February 15th, 1945 to the late Emeliano Maduro (R.I.P) and had six children; two sons and four daughters. Unfortunately, her two sons have also already passed.

Besides this, Mamato has ten grandsons and four granddaughters, a total of 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild who moved to The Netherlands last year. Mamato is deeply loved by her family, neighbors and friends.

Minister Endy was also there to celebrate and congratulate Mrs. Paesch with her incredible milestone. Congratulations to Mrs. Paesch and her family! □



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The Grand Fish Restaurant has an extraordinary menu starting with appetizers, salads and their famous fish soup. The entree dishes consist of a variety of fresh fish like whole red snapper, fish steak, fish cake, grilled salmon, mixed

seafood or seafood rice (paella local style) combined with sides of vegetables, french fries, rice, plantain, the island's traditional 'pan bati' (slapped bread) or funchi (cornmeal cake).

Each and every dish is made with passion, love and dedication. Yes... even the fried ones!

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Photo collection Brothers of Tilburg is now also online via Coleccion Aruba

Since the end of March 2023, part of the Brothers' collection, namely all photographs related to Aruba, is also part of the Aruba Collection: <https://coleccion.aw/fraters>.

The Brothers of Tilburg worked for many years in the Caribbean, taking numerous photographs in Curacao, Bonaire, Suriname, Aruba, Trinidad, French, and British Guiana, among others. Part of the Caribbean Heritage collection of the Brothers of Tilburg has been digitally accessible since 2018 through the Tilburg City Museum website: <https://stadsmuseum-tilburg.nl/collecties/>.

"Within the 'Coleccion Aruba' project, we are currently working to make all

the heritage puzzle pieces related to Aruba available in one place. The collection of the Brothers of Tilburg is one of the (photographic) treasure troves of Aruban/Caribbean heritage," said Peter Scholing, responsible for digitization, digital collections, and research at Biblioteca Nacional Aruba (BNA).

"BNA has had a digital collection online since 2019, with nearly 50,000 items now available.

This digital collection formed the basis for 'Coleccion Aruba' in 2022, a new, Aruba-wide initiative with, in addition to BNA, Archivo Nacional Aruba (ANA), and UNOCA, the local cultural fund as founding partners. Meanwhile,

this initiative has expanded to include local partners from the broader heritage community, such as from the museum field and the built heritage/monuments protection field.

"The collaboration with Stadsmuseum Tilburg in the area of the Fraters collection fits well into this broader vision, to also make available in a digital way the collections that are not physically located on the island in the 'original', local context, namely within the Collection Aruba, just as collaborations and content exchanges are taking place and have taken place with the Royal Archives, and with the Royal Library. Soon we hope to announce other similar collaborations with Dutch col-



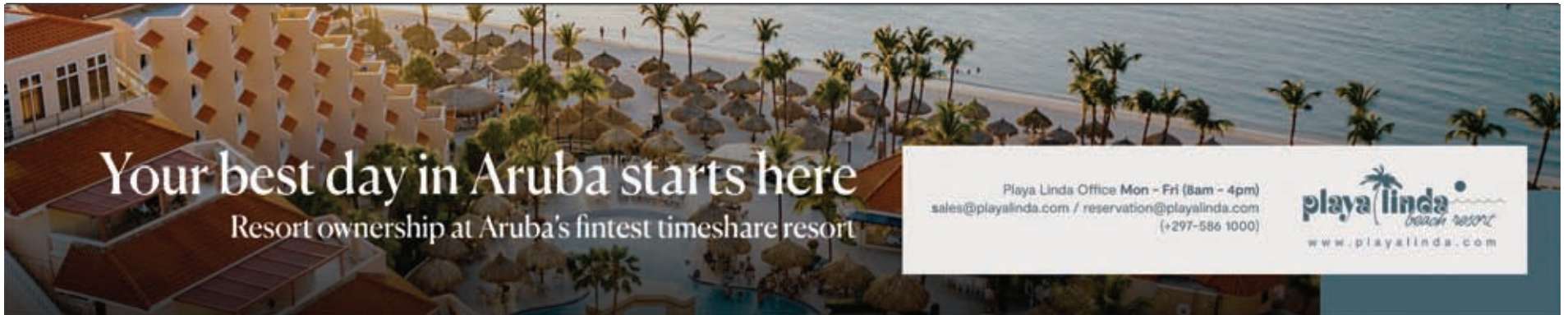
lection holdings."

"This collaboration with the Stadsmuseum Tilburg for the collection of the Brothers of Tilburg has been very high on the 'wish list' for many years. I am very happy that we have succeeded with Stadsmuseum Tilburg and Erfgoed Brabant! We especially want to thank Petra Robben, Rien Visser, Cris Kremers, and the Brothers of Tilburg for their permission and pleasant cooperation," Scholing said.

Petra Robben, city curator of Stadsmuseum Tilburg: "I think it's great that this

cultural heritage is reaching a wider audience from our database through Coleccion Aruba. In fact, by opening up our data to them, the awareness of this collection is increased with the push of a button."

Rien Visser, archivist Brothers CMM: "The Central Archives of the Brothers of Tilburg (CMM) finds it very special that the photo collection of the brothers who lived and worked in Aruba for many years is now made available through Coleccion Aruba. It is honorable to remain part of Aruban history in this way."



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The Commission Celebration National Holidays and the National Library organize a kite workshop and exposition



Kite flying is part of our culture, and every year in April, kite-flying and competitions take place in the neighborhoods.

The Minister of Culture, Xiomara Maduro, requested the Commission Celebration National Holidays to approach the National Library to organize a kite-making workshop for our children and youth. They will exhibit all kites in the exhibition room at the National Library located at the George Madurostraat.

The workshop takes place Wednesday, April 19, at the National Library at George Madurostraat from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. Places are limited. You can call 5281500 to register children five years or older.

Mr. Julio Werleman will present the workshop. All

the kite making material is free for all participating children. At the end of the workshop, they will exhibit the kites on April 21, 24, and 25 in the National Library's Diamond Room for the public to visit. After the exhibit, the children will receive their kites.

Commission Celebration National Holidays, the Ministry of Culture, and the National Library deem it essential to educate our children on the kite tradition and how to make a kite.

The Commission Celebration National Holidays also requests the organizations holding events in connection with King's Day 2023 to send them the pertaining information at ccdn@cultura.aw to include it in there to be published calendar of activities. □



beauty & THE ★ BEACH

Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Kathy and Therese from Canada**. It's their first time here and so far they love the beaches and the warm weather. Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished



ST. CRUZ — The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There is numerous wildlife to discover like for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national

park, a Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna.



You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands). (Source: arikok national park)

The aforementioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave tire tracks. Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it! □



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Ariana Lake: “You choose what affects you. You decide”

(Oranjestad)—Ariana Lake is a young lady of 16 that has been dancing since she was very young. She describes herself as someone who loves to read, dance and cook. In an interview with our reporter, Ariana shared stories about her childhood, her experiences as a dancer how these experiences in the dance world helped her grow in different aspects of her life.

Ariana says that she had a lot of happy memories; there were many things she enjoyed. One of these things was going out every day as a child, because there was also some activity to do.

She also shared that she loved growing up was the fact that she was very close to her family, because whenever there was a celebration of any sort, everyone would gather at her house and come play and eat.

Ariana is currently in her senior year of high school. After graduating, she will be following the program called Academic Foundation Year (AFY) at the University of Aruba, because she still is not sure which academic direction to take yet.

She explained that with AFY, she will have the opportunity to experience a bit of every career path and see which one she likes best to continue studying. She will also be taking this opportunity as a chance to improve her Dutch for when she will eventually further her studies in The Netherlands.

“I’m a perfectionist and I want the right foundation by the time I leave for The Netherlands, so that I won’t have any struggles with the language. That’s my next step,” she expressed.

Ariana started dancing since she was six years old. Her first experience in dance was a workshop for ballet and Venezuelan folkloric dance. The next two years, she danced in the Venezuelan consulate. After that, she joined the dance group Kids & Youth in Action, where she has been a part of for eight years now.



She told our reporter that one of her motivations for starting dancing was to have fun and to meet new people. By the time she decided to join Kids & Youth in Action, she wanted to learn different types of dance.

Ariana has a fuller figure, and some people may say that her body does not fit the standards expected for a dancer. This affected Ariana for some time, because she felt very excluded from her peers in some aspects.

“Excluded in the sense that I couldn’t wear the same types of performance outfits. For example, if the other girls were to wear a mini skirt and sleeve-less shirts, I would get a long skirt and a shirt with sleeves, because I was led to believe that I didn’t look good in the clothes that the others were wearing. I would sometimes also be excluded from performing at certain showcases and events, just because I didn’t have the desired body,” she remarked.

She added that this was something that was really hard for her to deal with and her self-confidence suffered severely because of it: “It’s not something I’d ever wish upon anyone else.”

On the hand, however, that experience motivated her to improve in other aspects. She shared that because she was feeling excluded, she needed to work harder so she can prove to people that she is just as capable, regardless of her size; that she can dance just as good and maybe even better than the other dancers.

“That was something that me stronger and better in my craft. Years later, I’m now one of few dancers who knows how to dance all genres, I know what it means to bring attitude to a performance, to get the crowd excited. I know what it means to train hard, because if I don’t get something the first try, I’ll practice at home until I do. That was something that made me realize that you choose what affects you. You decide,” she expressed.

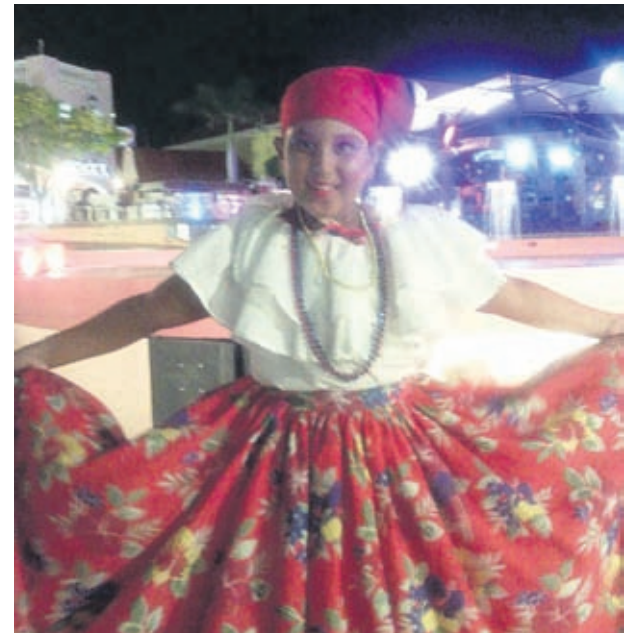
For Ariana, dancing was a tool that helped her grow in other aspects of her life. Dancing made her more responsible and disciplined; she learned how to lead and how to set priorities.

In terms of leadership, she explained that she had the opportunity to teach choreographies to other younger dancers. Through this, she learned how to teach children, how to talk to them and how to set an example for them. She shares that this reflects in her studies. For example, whenever there was a group project, she was often chosen to lead her group mates. This was a quality she acquired thanks to dancing.

Ariana’s message for the youth of Aruba is this: “Whatever is for you, will come to you. Maybe you didn’t get everything you wanted, but that was because it wasn’t for you; there something better out there for you. You control what affects you. Maybe someone told you something mean or rude, but it’s up to you if you’re going



to be sad of if you are just going to ignore those negative comments. You are the decider of what affects you and you are the one who will have to decide what you’re going to do with it. Let this be a motivation for you, to show yourself and other people that you are more than capable.” □



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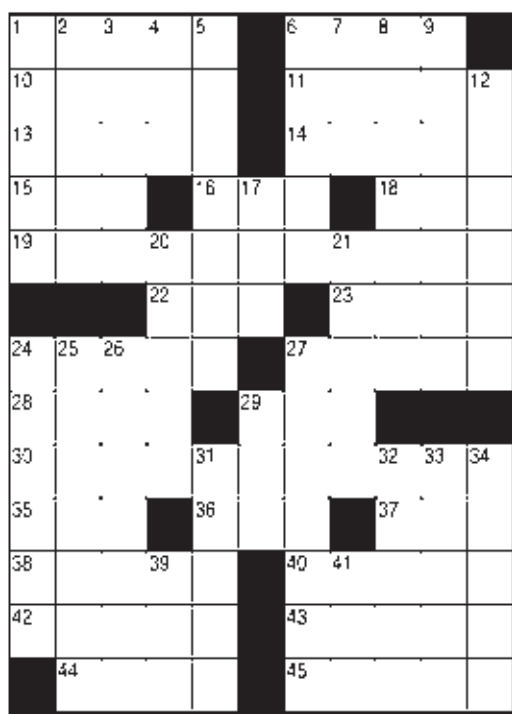
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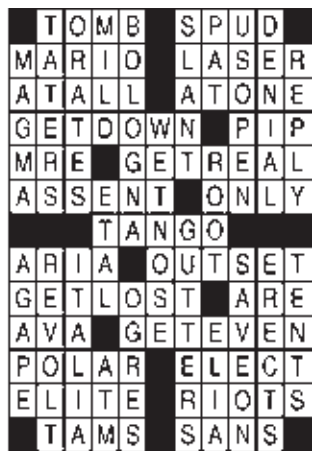
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: IN A GENTLE WAY, YOU CAN SHAKE THE WORLD. — MAHATMA GANDHI



Saturday's answer

Why new grads shouldn't fear a recession

By TREIA BRANCH
of NerdWallet

In 2023 alone, there have been over 118,000 U.S. tech layoffs, according to Crunchbase News, a business publication.

That's in addition to two major bank collapses and two federal rate hikes. The class of 2023 will graduate into this economic upheaval while facing another variable: student loan payments.

This can be an overwhelming and confusing time for those set to begin repayment of student debt, says Barry Coleman, vice president of program management and education at the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

Coleman cites the expected end of a three-year pause on federal student loan payments, legal challenges to federal student debt relief programs and the potential impact of inflation on the job market as reasons new graduates could feel uneasy.

But new grads don't need to panic. Here's how they can weather a potential recession and the financial uncertainty that might come with it.

HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR STUDENT LOANS, NO MATTER THE ECONOMY

Understanding your student debt is one of the best strategies to stay on top of your loans, regardless of how the economy is performing, says Betsy Mayotte, founder of The Institute of Student Loan Advisors. There is typically a six-month grace period after graduation before you're required to make your first student loan payment. Before this first payment is due, gather details like the types of loans you have and who holds them, ad-



The cap of a University of Iowa graduates candidate is decorated with writing reading "Cancel student debt" during a commencement ceremony for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa.

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vises Mayotte. Then, know your expected income, your expenses and how your student loan payments will fit into your budget, says Coleman. This will limit any surprises once repayment begins.

IF YOU HAVE A JOB, PAY OFF STUDENT DEBT FASTER

If you land a job, you have more flexibility. A steady income gives you the opportunity to explore putting more money toward your student loan debt — if you're already contributing to your retirement and emergency savings.

For borrowers who have the capacity to make more than the minimum payment on their student loan, this is the chance to get rid of student debt as quickly as possible, notes Coleman, while saving as much money as they can on interest.

And don't overlook your employer.

Twenty-one percent of employers offer company-paid financial services as part of their benefits package, explains Jim Link, chief human resources officer for the Society for Human Resource Management.

Programs can include access to financial advisors at no cost to the employee, or even student loan repayment programs — both of which could offer additional protection in a slow economy.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A JOB, KNOW YOUR OPTIONS TO STAY CURRENT

Graduating without a job offer can be terrifying, especially if the economy is expecting a downturn. But with low or no income, you can take steps to stay on top of your student debt, even in a recession.

Start with your loan servicer, the company that manages your loans. Let them know as early as possible that you're not employed, says Coleman. Ask what your options are to avoid delinquency — which is missing a student loan payment.

There are many repayment options for federal student loan borrowers, says Mayotte. You can lower your payments — even to zero dollars — with an income-driven repayment plan, or temporarily stop payments through student loan deferment.

Just note that interest can still accrue while in deferment, and this increases your total student loan balance.

Once you land a job and you're in a position to repay your student loan, do so as soon as possible so you're not facing a significantly larger debt down the road, advises Coleman. □

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Bird flu: Scientists find mutations, say threat is still low

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A man in Chile is infected with a bird flu that has concerning mutations, but the threat to people from the virus remains low, U.S. health officials said Friday.

Past animal studies suggest these mutations could cause the virus to be more harmful or spread more easily, health officials said. But they also said there is no evidence that the mutations would make it easier for it to take root in a person's upper lungs — a development that would raise concerns about spread among people.

The mutations do not change public health officials' assessment of the overall risk to people from the H5N1 virus, which "continues to be low," said Vivien Dugan of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The mutations, which have appeared only in the one hospitalized patient, may have occurred after the man got sick, CDC officials said. There's no evidence that the mutated virus spread to other people, mixed with other flu viruses, or developed the ability to fight off current medicines or evade vaccines, agency officials said.

Such genetic changes have been seen in past bird flu infections.

"Nevertheless, it's important



Municipal workers collect dead pelicans on Santa Maria beach in Lima, Peru, Nov. 30, 2022, as thousands of birds died in November along the Pacific of Peru from bird flu, according to The National Forest and Wildlife Service (Serfor).

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to continue to look carefully at every instance of human infection," Dugan said. "We need to remain vigilant for changes that would make these viruses more dangerous to people."

This type of flu, called Type A H5N1, was first identified as a threat to people during a 1997 outbreak in Hong Kong, when visitors to live poultry markets caught it.

Sporadic outbreaks have followed, and more than 450 people have died in the past two decades from bird flu infections, according to the World Health Organization. The vast majority of infected people got it directly from birds.

As bird flu hits other species, however, scientists fear the virus could evolve

to spread more easily among people. And it has been spreading widely, to birds and animals in scores of countries.

In the U.S., it has recently been detected in wild birds in every state, as well as in commercial poultry operations and backyard flocks across the country. Since the beginning of

last year, tens of millions of chickens have died of the virus or been killed to stop outbreaks from spreading, one of the reasons cited for soaring U.S. egg prices. The new lab analysis looked at the virus found in the lungs of a 53-year-old man living in Chile's Antofagasta region. It may be that he became infected through contact with sick or dead birds or infected sea lions, according to a WHO summary of the case. □



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Andrey Rublev, of Russia, poses with his trophy after defeating Holger Rune, of Denmark, 5/7, 6/2, 7/5 in the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters final match in Monaco, Sunday, April 16, 2023.

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Rublev rallies to beat Rune in Monte Carlo Masters final

MONACO (AP) — Andrey Rublev rallied from 4-1 down in the final set to beat Holger Rune 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 in the Monte Carlo Masters final on Sunday for the first Masters title of his career. The fifth-seeded Russian clinched victory on his second match point with an ace, stood still for a moment to check if the ball was in and then lay on his back for several moments to savor the moment. The sixth-seeded Rune climbed over the net to go over and congratulate him.

"I don't know what to say. Losing 4-1, 0-30, saving break points. Somehow I did it," the 25-year-old Rublev said. "I was deep inside hoping (that) at least I would have one chance." Rune missed a golden chance to clinch a second Masters title after beating Novak Djokovic with a stunning comeback at the Paris Masters last November. This time it was the opposite.

The 19-year-old Dane let the match slip and lost his nerve in the 11th game of the decider, hitting two balls out of the court in frustration.

"I was definitely in control in the third set ... didn't manage to close it out," Rune said. "Just got to see what I did wrong, what I can do better, and move on, be-

cause, you know, the most important tournament of the clay season is the French Open."

The crowd jeered him when he hit the balls out and he sarcastically encouraged them to do so. But Rune double-faulted to give his opponent the chance to serve for victory and Rublev sealed a 14th career title. Rublev had lost his two previous Masters finals — at Monte Carlo and Cincinnati in 2021 — but stayed focused.

"I remember the previous finals I was not mentally ready and, when I was losing, I was thinking no chance to win anymore, and I was mentally going completely down," Rublev said. "Today I was like 'OK, if you lose today at least please believe until the end.'"

Rune looked fresh despite finishing a tense semifinal against Jannik Sinner at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday. He treated the crowd to a delightful sliced backhand drop shot in the sixth game of the first set and broke Rublev's serve with a heavy forehand winner for 4-2.

Rune saved four break points in the next game but Rublev took his fifth chance to pull back to 4-3 when Rune mis-hit a forehand long, and then held for 4-4. Rune clinched the first set

when Rublev misjudged a shot that landed right on the line and mistimed his return to give Rune a break point. He took it when Rublev's loose forehand was too long.

Rublev broke Rune and held to love with a second-serve ace for 2-0 in the second set.

Rublev's aggressive approach troubled Rune, who needed to save two break points before holding the third game.

Rublev stepped it up and consecutive breaks of serve clinched a second set where Rune made 11 unforced errors.

After Rune broke for a 2-0 lead in the third set, Rublev seemed troubled by the bounce of the ball on court. But Rune saved two break points in a tight fourth game to hold for a 4-1 lead.

Rune changed racket at 0-30 down in the seventh game but immediately served a double-fault and Rublev let out a roar when he broke back to 4-3, as the match began to turn back in his favor.

Rune said the late finish on Saturday night may have had an impact.

"I didn't have much time to recover," he said. "I gave it all. Didn't have any more in me. I did what I could, and I was very close." □

Hachimura's big 2nd half leads LA past Memphis in Game 1



Los Angeles Lakers forward Rui Hachimura (28) reacts during Game 1 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Memphis Grizzlies, Sunday, April 16, 2023, in Memphis, Tenn.

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By **CLAY BAILEY**
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Rui Hachimura had a career-best playoff scoring performance with 29 points, including 21 in the second half, and LeBron James added 21 points and 11 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Memphis Grizzlies 128-112 on Sunday in the opening game of their Western Conference playoff series.

Austin Reaves added 23 points, including nine straight in the closing minutes as the Lakers pulled away. Anthony Davis had 22 points and 12 rebounds, and D'Angelo Russell, who scored only two points in the Lakers' play-in win over the Minnesota Timberwolves, finished with 19 points. Jaren Jackson Jr. led Memphis with 31 points, while Desmond Bane scored 22. Ja Morant had 18 points before leaving in the fourth quarter with an injured right hand.

Los Angeles wrested home-court advantage from the Grizzlies, who had the NBA's best home record at 35-6. Game 2 is Wednesday at FedExForum.

It was Hachimura from Japan who provided Los Angeles some breathing room in the third quarter, connecting on all four of his 3-point attempts. Hachimura's only previous playoff experience was in 2021 with Washington, which lost a first-round series to Philadelphia. The Lakers acquired him from the Wizards in a midseason trade.

The Lakers earned the seventh seed in the West by beating Minnesota in the play-in tournament. Los Angeles missed the playoffs in 2022 and was eliminated in the first round by the Phoenix Suns a year earlier.

Memphis finished with 51 wins, its second straight 50-victory season, to earn the No. 2 seed.

The Lakers led by as much as 10 in the first half as Memphis faced some early ballhandling woes. Jarred Vanderbilt's defense kept Morant out of the paint for a while. But Memphis outscored the Lakers 38-27 in the second quarter to carry a 65-59 lead into the break.

TIP-INS Lakers: This is the first time Los Angeles has faced Memphis in the postseason. ... Davis left the court late in the second quarter with an injury to his right arm. He returned to start the second half. ... The first Los Angeles turnover came with 8:41 left in the second quarter. Its second came a minute later. ... James passed Robert Horry for 24th on the Los Angeles all-time playoff scoring list in the second quarter.

Grizzlies: C Steven Adams (right knee PCL sprain) and C/F Brandon Clarke (left Achilles tendon tear) were out and are expected to miss the playoffs. ... Morant played with his right hand wrapped from what coach Taylor Jenkins described as a contusion in his pregame availability. Morant hurt the hand again in the fourth quarter when he landed awkwardly on the hand, called for a charge against Davis. □

Gerrit Cole throws MLB's 2nd complete game of season

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Gerrit Cole pitched a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts for his fourth career shutout and the second complete game in the majors this season, leading the New York Yankees to a 2-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday.

DJ LeMahieu homered and hit an RBI single for the Yankees, who earned a split of the four-game series.

Cole (4-0) lowered his ERA to 0.95 in four starts, finishing off the Twins on 109 pitches in only 2 hours, 7 minutes.

He got the final nine outs on 25 pitches and retired former Astros teammate Carlos Correa on a fly ball to end it.

It was Cole's seventh career complete game and his first shutout since July 10, 2021, at Houston.

RED SOX 2, ANGELS 1

BOSTON (AP) — Garrett Whitlock threw seven innings of one-run ball and Justin Turner hit a two-run homer to give Boston a win over Los Angeles in a game that lasted just under two hours.

Los Angeles star Shohei Ohtani had his 36-game on-base streak halted; it had been the longest in MLB. Whitlock (1-1) allowed three hits with five strikeouts and two walks. Ryan Brasier got the final three outs for his first save — including striking out Mike Trout and getting Ohtani to fly out.

Reid Detmers (0-1) was given the loss in an outing where he gave up two runs on six hits, struck out seven and walked one in 6 1/3 innings.

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Shane Bieber pitched six effective innings in his fourth straight win, and Tampa Bay avoided a three-game sweep by Toronto.

Christian Bethancourt hit a three-run homer to help the Rays rebounded from their first two losses of the season. Yandy Díaz reached four times, and Josh Lowe had two hits and three RBIs. Bieber (4-0) allowed one run and four

hits. He struck out six and walked two. Blue Jays right-hander Alek Manoah (1-1) matched career-worst by allowing seven runs and nine hits. He walked four and struck out five in 4 2/3 innings.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, MARLINS 0

MIAMI (AP) — Zac Gallen pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning in Arizona's win over Sandy Alcantara and Miami.

Corbin Carroll homered for Arizona, and Pavin Smith and Christian Walker also had two hits apiece.

Gallen (2-1) retired his first 13 batters before Bryan De La Cruz singled with one out in the fifth. Gallen struck out seven in 6 2/3 innings and walked none. Kevin Ginkel then got four outs

before Kyle Nelson finished a four-hitter. Alcantara (1-2) permitted five runs, four earned, and seven hits in six innings. He's dropped his last two starts after throwing a complete-game three-hitter in a 1-0 victory over Minnesota on April 4.

NATIONALS 7, GUARDIANS 6

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington tied the game on a reviewed call in the eighth inning and Joey Meneses followed with a go-ahead RBI single two batters later for a win over Cleveland that averted a three-game sweep.

Jeimer Candelario and Luis García homered for Washington, which snapped a four-game skid. Washington starter Patrick Corbin allowed four runs, two of



New York Yankees starting pitcher Gerrit Cole (45) reacts after closing his side of the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Sunday, April 16, 2023, in New York.

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them earned, in six innings. Mason Thompson (1-1) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Kyle Finnegan handled the ninth for his third save. Steven Kwan drove in two

runs for the Guardians, who fell to 7-3 on the road. Nick Sandlin got the loss. Cleveland starter Shane Bieber allowed three runs and struck out four in six innings. □



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Culinary Voyage

Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the mouthwatering creamy Garlic Tarragon Shrimp.

You can also opt for a classic French Onion Soup, a Lobster Bisque or the famously Water's Edge House Wedge, a crisp wedge of fresh romaine lettuce topped with homemade blue cheese dressing, diced tomatoes, chopped bacon, caramelized pecans and blue cheese crumbles, drizzled with balsamic reduction. This followed by the Chef's special of seafood such as Fresh salmon filet seasoned and grilled, topped with lemon cilantro butter and served with homemade mashed potatoes and fresh asparagus, a nice plate of Ahi Tuna or a succulent pasta dish like the Florentina Fettuccine Alfredo. Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of a devourable 22oz. Bone-In "Tomahawk" Rib-Eye, pan seared in garlic infused oil and finished in the oven or our juicy N.Y Strip Loin, seasoned & grilled. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi glace, mushroom sauce, or bacon blue cheese butter. For extra sides the options are delectable. Fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, mashed or baked potatoes, fries or rice and beans. Combine your personal choice with one of the most exclusive wine from the

great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

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Thank you to all our guests

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to Thank all of our guests who showed us so much love and support all throughout the year, and hopefully will continue to do so in the years to come. What we are most grateful for is that we could get back to doing what we love, which is looking after our guests. So, thank you for every dinner, lunch, breakfast, every to-go order, every glass of wine, every birthday, anniversary and date-night that you spent with us this last year. To our new guests, Welcome! We hope you to see you back soon! ☐



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